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As previously advised, other documents filed by the parties to the opposition proceeding, including the opposition and reply papers, can be found by searching for European Patent No. 1 001 846 at the European Patent Office's Online File Inspection site on the World Wide Web, at <http://ofi.epoline.org/view/GetDossier?dosnum=&lang=EN>. At the Examiner's request, applicants are willing to provide copies of the opposition and reply papers and any other documents in connection with the opposition.

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